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Applicant : Derek Shaw et al.  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the action mailed April 23, 2003 please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 8 pages.

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